

Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A composition for local anesthesia which comprises a local anesthetic as an active ingredient and an agent for sustaining anesthetic action selected from the group consisting of antihistamines, and does not substantially contain a catecholamine.

2. (Original) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 1, which is used for oral surgery or dental treatment.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride

4. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1 any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

5. (Original) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 4, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

6. (Original) An agent for sustaining action of a local anesthetic selected from the group consisting of antihistamines.

7. (Original) The agent for sustaining action according to claim 6, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride.

8. (New) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 2, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride

9. (New) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

10. (New) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

11. (New) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

12. (New) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 9, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

13. (New) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 10, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

14. (New) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 11, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.